

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 30 March 2013, Rosedale NSW**

Meeting opened at 11:15 am by Margot Marshall on the Cabin lawns.

1. APOLOGIES

Keith and Mary Boardman, Tim Brown, Tony and Judy Cooper, Gerry and Jane Crisp, De Jong family, Elizabeth Drysdale, Cathy Falk, Katie Friend, Ruth Friend, John and Elizabeth Hemer, Paul Isaacson, Paul and Penny Mlakar, Leah Myers, David Palmer, Michael Skipper, Elise Stutchbury and Max Tischler.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: DAVID BOARDMAN

The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2013 newsletter (No.115), was presented by David Boardman. He noted that memberships were down but there were minimal expenses in the last year, so the financial position of the Association remained steady. He called for a concerted effort by all members to increase membership.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report**

**Proposed: David Mackenzie**

**Seconder: Jane Enright**

**Carried**

3. LANDCARE REPORT: JANE ENRIGHT

Jane Enright presented the Landcare report, as published in the March 2012 newsletter. She also thanked a small group of regular volunteers and called for more volunteers and/or donations, along with suggestions for additional Landcare activities. Jane displayed five weeds and suggested methods for removing or controlling them in local gardens. She reminded attendees of the weedathon commencing at 2:30pm.

**Motion to accept the Landcare report**

**Proposed: David Mackenzie**

**Seconded: Jan Holmes**

**Carried**

4. COUNCIL, DEVELOPMENTS, SEWERAGE AND FIRE UPDATE: DAVID BOARDMAN

David Boardman reported that he and David Palmer had met with The Hon. Andrew Constance MP, who was supportive of RAI efforts to progress Council's sewerage plans for Rosedale. He reported that Council would undertake a \$150,000 review of the sewerage plan for Rosedale in the 2013/14 financial year, taking account of new technology. On completion of the review, Council's intention is to seek a fifty per cent contribution for the project from the NSW State Government. David confirmed that the RAI would continue lobbying efforts, including with the responsible NSW State Government Minister.

David Boardman briefed the meeting on changes to the Marine Park, with the announcement of an amnesty allowing line fishing from ocean beaches and headlands in sanctuary zones, with the exception of identified sites for the protection of threatened species. This includes the headland at Burrewarra Point, within the Burrewarra Point Sanctuary Zone at Guerilla Bay.

David Boardman advised that Council had responded to a request from Mary Boardman and installed a handrail on a beach path from Yowani Road. He also advised that the Committee had written to Council to acknowledge this work and to request an assessment of options for the path leading to the rocky beach at the end of Yowani Road to improve safety.

David Boardman updated the meeting on local development plans for the Rosedale Farm and Marsim sites. He confirmed that the RAI had lodged a submission to Council on Development Application 73/13 for Rosedale Farm, with concerns mainly focused on road and traffic issues. He said there appeared to be a Council preference for a roundabout at Rosedale Parade to improve safety and that Council was not keen on the traffic arrangements proposed by the developer for Bevia Road to the north. David was not confident that Council would identify an alternative option for managing access to and from the development, other than by an extension to Rosedale Parade. In response to a question from David Carter, David Boardman agreed that Council would likely save money for the Rosedale sewerage project, if the sewerage plan was somehow tied in with sewerage plans for the proposed development on Rosedale Farm.

#### 5. FIRE UPDATE: DAVID MACKENZIE

In Michael Skipper's absence, David Mackenzie presented Michael's Fire Report, urging members to avoid becoming blasé about the fire threat to Rosedale due to the amount of combustible material on individual properties and common land. He reported that the Rural Fire Service (RFS) had done some fuel reduction clean-ups in parts of Rosedale in February and March this year and that the RAI Committee would prepare a letter for the Malua Bay RFS to accompany our annual donation. The letter would acknowledge efforts of their volunteers and encourage them to continue to reduce fuel loads around Rosedale. David Mackenzie moved that Michael Skipper be thanked for his efforts as Fire Officer and a donation of \$500.00 be made to the Malua Bay RFS. In response to a question from Darren Gribble about the sustainability of donations by the RAI, David Boardman confirmed that funds were available for this purpose.

#### **Motion to make a donation of \$500.00 to the Malua Bay RFS**

**Proposed: David Mackenzie**

**Seconded: Robin Oldham**

**Carried**

#### 6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margot Marshall announced that since the number of nominations equalled the number of places available on the Committee, no election was necessary. She was also pleased to announce that David Boardman would accept the position of President, with Robin Oldham as Treasurer. Margot thanked each Committee member for their hard work in the last year and introduced Colin Enright as a new Committee member. The following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2013:

President: ..... David Boardman

Secretary: ..... Vicki Smith

Treasurer: ..... Robin Oldham

Members: ..... Tim Brown

..... Noel Egan

..... Colin Enright

.....Melissa Gribble  
..... David Mackenzie  
..... Margot Marshall  
.....Max Tischler

Margot thanked departing Committee Member, David Palmer, for his contribution to the Committee, particularly his ongoing efforts regarding the sewerage plan for Rosedale.

**Motion to accept the proposed Committee Members**

**Proposed: Douglas McDonald**

**Secunder: Darren Gribble**

**Carried**

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Margot Marshall introduced Anthony Bellette and Sam Peters from the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club (BBSLSC), based at Malua Bay, who were invited by the Committee to address concerns raised at last year's AGM about dangerous conditions at our beaches. Anthony advised the meeting that '000' was the correct number to phone in water emergencies, with members told to ask for 'Police' and provide as much information as possible to assist them, including the location of the incident and how many persons were involved. He explained that this would trigger a coordinated response, which would include the Surf Life Saving team at Malua Bay, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter based at Moruya Airport, and the Marine Rescue team. He confirmed that the Malua Bay surf life saving team had increased their patrols at Rosedale over the summer season, both by sea and road, and explained the emergency equipment they carried with them would allow them to respond in a medical emergency before an ambulance arrived. Barbara Carter asked if members could ring the Malua Bay Surf Life Saving Club in an emergency and Anthony explained that it was not always manned, so urged members to ring '000'.

In response to a question from Bill Williams about dangerous rips at our beaches, Anthony pointed out a permanent rip in the middle of main beach and another rip along the rocks at the southern end of main beach. He urged members to stay calm if they found themselves in a rip. In response to a question from Murray Shiel, Anthony explained that the emergency treatment for a blue bottle sting was to run the sting under cold water and use tweezers to slowly remove the blue bottle and all tentacles.

Kit Tischler moved that the RAI make a \$500.00 donation to the BBSLSC at Malua Bay.

**Motion to make a \$500.00 donation to the BBSLSC**

**Proposed: Kit Tischler**

**Secunder: Jane Enright**

**Carried**

Melissa Gribble confirmed that the maintenance program on the boatsheds had been completed in 2012 by Darren Gribble and that new Chairman, Gerry Crisp, was now managing the boatsheds. She advised that Gerry's contact details were available from the RAI Committee.

David Mackenzie reassured the meeting that the creek was currently relatively healthy and behaving, as far as can be known, naturally, but that concerns remained about potential damage from developments to the west and that there was a need to continue to push for the best technology to be used to ensure continued creek health.

Margot Marshall thanked Michael Skipper for his work on the new website and asked for member feedback via email or the website, so the site could continue to be improved. She also sought views on the usefulness of a Facebook page or Twitter account. Following discussion, it was agreed that email had proved to be an efficient communication tool and that Twitter and Facebook were not necessarily a priority, but may nevertheless be useful for the younger generation. Concerns were raised about the RAI communicating information, such as fire alerts, and it was agreed that this should be left to relevant authorities. In response to a question from David Carter, it was agreed that the Committee should repeat previous advice from a past newsletter to advise members which radio station they should tune into to get advice on fires and members were advised of the NSW Rural Fire Service 'Fires Near Me' free app for iPhones and iPads.

Margot Marshall advised the meeting that the current RAI database was cumbersome and that a new database would be up and running in the next 12 months. In response to a suggestion from Jane Enright that the RAI pay an IT expert to do this work, David Boardman noted that the hard part was getting up-to-date information from members.

Margot Marshall issued a vote of thanks to John and Jeanette Gasson for making the cabin lawns available for the meeting.

Members were reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle and to encourage their neighbours to join the RAI.

The meeting closed at 12:30 pm.

\* 73 members were present at the AGM

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary  
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RAI Committee Member and Chair